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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6784**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1787

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 12, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Access to Library Services.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ruppel

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill prohibits a public library board from charging a fee for issuing a library card to an individual who owns real property in the library district but who is not a resident of the library district. (Current law requires a library board to charge such an individual a fee.) The bill prohibits a public library board from charging a fee for issuing a library card to a student who is enrolled in a public school located at least in part in the library district but who is not a resident of the library district. (Current law allows a library board to charge such a student a reduced fee or no fee.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Summary-* This bill would cause an indeterminable reduction to local library revenues. The number of owners of property in library districts that do not live the district is unknown. Under current law, a library board has the option on whether to charge an Indiana public school student for issuing a library card that does not live in the issuing library district. The maximum fee that may be charged for a library card to an Indiana resident that does not live in the issuing district is \$25.

*Background-* In 2006, there were about 238 public libraries with taxing authority.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Libraries

**Information Sources:** Local Government Database (LOGODABA).

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